

- ◆ Monday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.
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In remembrance: Dale Rose

Dale Rose, who operated an airport supply business at Gardner Municipal Airport for 16 years, passed away in May. In addition to running his business, Dale also served on the Airport Board for over a decade. A 40-year veteran of the military as a pilot mechanic, airplanes were always a major part of Dale's life. Outside of work, he spent time at GMA with family and friends. Dale was 79 years old, and he will be sorely missed.



Flight school to reopen in August

Eagle Flight Aviation to offer flying lessons to the public

Eagle Flight Aviation is set to launch at Gardner Municipal Airport (GMA) in August. Joel Beyer, who ran a flight school previously at GMA before moving to Washington, recently returned to Kansas and decided to take up the role once again.

Eagle Flight, known for training missionary pilots, will be opening its doors to recreational flyers as well.

The public side of the school will focus on recreational pilots, training mostly for the private pilot certificate and instrumental rating. Aircraft will be available for public rental 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Other activities to be offered include ground classes, youth activities and aviation career training for the public.



"A good flight school is more than just a training environment, it is a place to hang out, share stories, mentor new students and enjoy fellowship," Joel said.

Joel says that, once the school opens, enrollment can be done at any time to fit any schedule. If you have any questions or are interested in the program, he can be contacted at joel@eagleflightaviation.org, (913) 707-5475 or in-person at GMA.

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Gardner Municipal Airport is located at 31905 W. 175th St., Gardner, KS 66030

June events boast classic aircraft

Gardner Municipal Airport hosted two events in June, the Gathering of Eagles and Vintage Fly-In. The Gathering of Eagles featured World War I-style planes and the Vintage Fly-In — hosted by Chapter 16 of the Vintage Aircraft Association — reflected the region's rich aviation heritage with antique aircraft. The events were well attended.



They're not always noticed at first glance, but the little things are what keep an airport functioning smoothly. At Gardner Municipal Airport (GMA), Jim Holtgraver plays a major role as the airport's only maintenance worker. Jim lends a hand in virtually all of the day-to-day work at the airport.

Beginning as a line boy on weekends, Jim has stayed on board ever since and now is in his 34th year with GMA. Some of his duties include taking care of runways and groundwork, taking out the trash and mowing the grass. He also is certified to manage underground storage tanks, which allows him to take care of the fuel system — something that must be done daily.

"It seems like I play a role in most activities that go on at the airport," Jim said.

Jim has many memories involving aviation from his childhood in eastern Kansas. This includes growing up near Naval Air Station Olathe, a former navy base that would

eventually become New Century AirCenter, and learning about the variety of aircraft that would be stationed there. Though he doesn't have a pilot's license, he still maintains a high interest in aircraft that began at a young age. Now, he even has a library full of aviation books.

"My basic interest as far as aviation goes is the mechanical works of an aircraft," Jim said.



Jim Holtgraver

Jim says his understanding wife keeps him going, as there are many instances when the airport comes into their plans. But at the end of the day, his passion for aviation and all of the friends he's made over the years have made working at GMA worthwhile.

Ever since he's worked for the airport, he's noticed how much the little things make a difference. It's his hard work that has made him a key resource to those who use the airport.

"I would like to leave a legacy that I was very useful and that I helped people in the time period I was here," Jim said.



F.Y.I. >>>

New hangar rate changes were recently approved by Council.

The following will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017:

- ***\$85 hangars increased to \$100***
- ***\$130 hangars increased to \$135***
- ***\$185 hangars increased to \$190***
- ***\$210 hangars increased to \$215***
- ***\$65 hangars didn't increase***

The slide at the airport's playground was removed, as it did not meet current playground standards.

Possible upgrades to the playground will be presented to the board later in 2016.



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